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**Lincoln University's** International Programs Office is anticipating a busy summer, including visitors from several different countries. In collaboration with USDA's Cochran program, they will be hosting delegations from South Africa (vegetable production, processing and marketing) and Kenya (poultry and dairy sector analysis training). They are also hosting a FAO-UNDP Fellow this summer from India who will be studying ecological principles and human encroachment on wildlife habitats. Lincoln is partnering with ACDI-VOCA on two major farmer-to-farmer programs

involving countries in SE Asia and Africa. They have also developed a joint business degree program with higher education institutions in Ukraine. For more information on these programs, or to learn how Lincoln has benefited from innovative partnerships in recent years, please contact Dr. Ikbal Chowdhury ([chowdhry@lincolnu.edu](mailto:chowdhry@lincolnu.edu); 537-681-5596).

With more than 100 years of international involvement, **Tuskegee University** has also been a leader in global development. They recently received funding through the Association Liaison Office (see "Internet Resources" below) to work with Fort Hare University in South Africa that will focus on the construction of low-cost housing using locally available materials. Collaborating with Winrock International, Tuskegee has recruited more than 15 participants into the Farmer-to-Farmer program in the past two years. The College of Business and Informational Sciences is launching a Caribbean Studies certificate program this year. To learn more about Tuskegee University's international engagement, please contact Dr. Eloise Carter ([ecarter@tuskegee.edu](mailto:ecarter@tuskegee.edu); 334-727-8953).

As part of an ongoing relationship with Ukraine, **Alabama A & M University** (AAMU) recently hosted scholars from the Cherkassy Institute of Management. AAMU is in the first year of this 3-year partnership sponsored by the U.S. State Department entitled, "New Independent States College and University Partnership Program." AAMU is conducting training programs and developing curricula related to business management and entrepreneurship. For more information on this program, please contact Dr. B. Onuma Okezie ([ookezie@aamu.edu](mailto:ookezie@aamu.edu); 256-851-5059).

### **AIARD Recognizes Contributions of Bobby Moser and Reed Hertford**

At its Annual Conference held earlier this month in Washington, DC, the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD) recognized two individuals for their leadership and commitment to international development. Dr. Bobby D. Moser, Vice President and Dean, College of Agriculture, Ohio State University, received the Special Service Award for the critical role he has played in promoting the globalization of U.S. land-grant universities. Recognizing the challenges and opportunities that today's global economy provides, Dr. Moser has been a strong advocate for producing university graduates that have a global perspective. He also provided leadership for the Globalizing Agricultural Science and Education Programs for America (GASEPA) initiative that has resulted in federal funding for the upcoming International Science and Education competitive grants program that will be administered by CSREES.

Dr. Reed Hertford received this year's Distinguished Service Award for his long-term commitment to international agriculture development and energetic leadership within AIARD. Currently President of an international consulting firm, EAM, Dr. Hertford has served in leadership positions with a long list of international organizations and foundations and was also Director of International Programs at Cook College, Rutgers University. As past President of AIARD and current Chair of their Education and Advocacy Committee, Dr. Hertford has been a strong proponent of programs and policies that benefit developing countries and an advocate for educating the American public on issues related to world hunger and disease.

Congratulations to both Bobby and Reed! For more information on AIARD, please visit [www.AIARD.org](http://www.AIARD.org).

### **Update on National Initiative to Internationalize Extension**

25 land-grant universities submitted proposals for the mini-grants offered as part of our National Initiative to Internationalize Extension. The proposals represent a broad spectrum of activities aimed at strengthening the extension system's ability to help local clientele understand, and benefit from, the global society we live in. A panel will review the proposals this month and grants will be awarded in July. Panel members have been selected from USDA, the private sector, the University of Illinois and Tuskegee University. Michigan State University is providing the

leadership for us on this initiative; for more information please visit their web site at <http://www.msue.msu.edu/intext/natinit.htm>.

### **Agricultural Reconstruction in Afghanistan and Iraq**

Information on efforts to rebuild the agricultural sector in Afghanistan is available through the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA): [www.icarda.org](http://www.icarda.org). The U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) web site also contains information on the latest U.S. reconstruction activities at [www.usaid.gov/afghanistan](http://www.usaid.gov/afghanistan).

In addition to the information on Iraq reconstruction activities available through USAID ([www.usaid.gov/iraq](http://www.usaid.gov/iraq)), USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service posts updates at [www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/iraq.htm](http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/iraq.htm). USDA's site focuses on the agriculture sector and food security issues.

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USAID recently announced opportunities for U.S. colleges and universities to establish partnerships with Iraqi higher education institutions. An RFA for Higher Education and Development (HEAD) has been posted on their web site. The deadline for applications is July 7, 2003. Please visit <http://www.usaid.gov/iraq/activities.html> and scroll down to the HEAD RFA.

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### **President Announces "Volunteers for Prosperity"**

President Bush recently announced a new program to place highly-skilled volunteers in developing countries for assignments ranging from 2 weeks to several years. "Volunteers for Prosperity" is seeking Americans with backgrounds in such areas as health care, information technology, agricultural development, education, and trade and investment. To find out more about the program and potential opportunities, please visit [www.usaid.gov/about/vip.html](http://www.usaid.gov/about/vip.html).

### **United Nations Foundation Provides International News Source**

The UN Wire, sponsored by the United Nations Foundation, is a free daily e-mail summary. The Wire provides direct links to international coverage on a wide range of issues including the environment; economics, trade and development; education, science and culture; and humanitarian aid and food security. To sign up for this service, visit [www.unfoundation.org](http://www.unfoundation.org). To take a look at today's summary, please go to [www.unwire.org](http://www.unwire.org).

### **World Food Day Teleconference**

The situation in sub-Saharan Africa is the theme for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual World Food Day satellite teleconference. Scheduled from noon to 3:00 pm, Eastern time, on Thursday, October 16, 2003, the world wide teleconference will feature experts discussing issues related to agriculture, foreign debt, HIV/AIDS, water and sanitation and more. To request study/action packets or learn more about the teleconference, please contact Patricia Young, U.S. National Committee for World Food Day at 202-653-2404; [www.worldfooddayusa.org](http://www.worldfooddayusa.org). The committee has also produced other materials on hunger issues for school children of all ages.

### **World Bank Publication on Africa**

Drawn from the World Bank's database, the new edition of African Development Indicators 2003 includes information on HIV/AIDS, communications, education, agriculture and other topics. The publication's data covers a 21-year period (1980-2001) and is aimed at assisting practitioners and policy makers to better understand today's regional economic, social and environmental trends and issues. According to the Bank, "this publication brings together in one place the best statistical picture of Africa available." For this specific publication, please click on

<http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog/product?context=drilldown&item%5fid=1577330>. For information on other World Bank resources, visit [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org).

### **International Education Week Coming in November**

The fourth annual International Education Week is scheduled for November 17-21, 2003. Jointly sponsored by the U.S. Departments of State and Education, this week is used to celebrate the diversity of languages, culture and traditions and to recognize the need to teach our youth about the world issues and their connection to them. For information on events and resources related to this week, please see <http://exchanges.state.gov/iew/>; for general information about the Department of Education's international activities and programs, go to [www.ed.gov/international](http://www.ed.gov/international).

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Commitment to Development Index"**

The Center for Global Development and Foreign Policy magazine have developed a ranking system to measure the world's wealthiest countries' commitment to beneficial development policies. In addition to foreign aid flows, the "Commitment to Development Index" also considers countries' openness to exports and performance in peacekeeping, investment, migration, and environmental policies. Top ranking countries include the Netherlands, Denmark and Portugal, while the U.S and Japan rank last. The index is featured in the May/June issue of Foreign Policy available on-line at [www.foreignpolicy.com](http://www.foreignpolicy.com) (click on "Ranking the Rich").

### **Grant Opportunities**

#### **Association Liaison Office: U.S.-Middle East University Partnerships**

ALO has announced a Special Request for Applications for the "US-Middle East University Partnership Program. Eight grants up to \$100,000 each will be awarded. Deadline for applications is July 1, 2003. The RFA may be downloaded from ALO's web site at [www.aascu.org/ALO/RFPs/RFPMain.htm](http://www.aascu.org/ALO/RFPs/RFPMain.htm).

#### **Earthwatch Institute Supports Scholarly Field Research**

The research program at Earthwatch Institute provides long-term funding for field-based research in a wide range of areas. Their mission is to provide scientists with the funding and labor they need to conduct basic and applied research around the world. Proposals are accepted and reviewed year-round, but should be submitted approximately one year in advance of fieldwork. For more information on grant opportunities, visit <http://www.earthwatch.org/research/index.html>.

#### **Agricultural Research Funding Guide**

The Sustainable Development Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization offers information on grants for agricultural research activities. The following site links to opportunities available through government agencies, foundations and NGO's around the world: [http://www.fao.org/sd/2003/KN0104a\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/sd/2003/KN0104a_en.htm) (click on "...inviting project proposals...").

### **Internet Resources**

#### **Ohio State University's "Teaching World Cultures and Global Issues"**

From September 22-December 3, 2003, teachers from across the U.S. and around the world will have the chance to study diverse cultures and global issues on-line through a course offered by Ohio State University. Resource people with regional expertise will facilitate the course. Aimed at K-12 teachers registration for the course has begun. For more information, go to <http://www.coe.ohio-state.edu/mmerryfield/preview/home.htm>.

The World Bank is offering several youth-directed web sites with a wealth of information about social, economic, and environmental issues related to sustainable development. These would be excellent resources for 4-H clubs, as well as classrooms:

**Beyond Economic Growth:** [www.worldbank.org/depweb/english/beyond/global/index.html](http://www.worldbank.org/depweb/english/beyond/global/index.html) - online textbook encourages learners to seek their own solutions to development challenges.

**Development Challenge:** [www.worldbank.org/challenge](http://www.worldbank.org/challenge) - interactive “edu-tainment” that challenges visitors to find ways to ensure sustainable development.

In promoting its vision for organic farming in the U.S. , the Rodale Institute has announced a new on-line resource. A part of this site is devoted to international first-person accounts from around the world. Please visit [www.NewFarm.org](http://www.NewFarm.org) for more information.

For the latest news from the USDA Forest Service International Programs office, please click on [www.fs.fed.us/global/wsnew/welcome.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/global/wsnew/welcome.htm). This site includes conservation efforts overseas, upcoming events, multilateral development efforts and other news on the Forest Service's global efforts.

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